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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Date: February 8, 2001

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RELEASING CONNECTIONS IN AN ACCESS NETWORK

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

An abstract together with
21 pages of specification and claims including
45 numbered claims and also attached are
11 sheets of accompanying drawings.

This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

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60/183,325	February 18, 2000
60/184,327	February 23, 2000

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This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed .
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 Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.
 Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement / PTO-1449 / 1 reference; Non-Publication Request; Other:

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